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Examiner M. Jagan

For : LINEAR MEASUREMENT WORKPIECE GRIPPING DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 7-11, inclusive, and 14-19, inclusive, without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 1, 4, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar linear measuring tape comprising

a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse in the form generally of a closed plane with perimeter structure which generally circumsurrounds said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements adapted to contact and grip

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